



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting – September 24, 2013

**Attendance:** Selectmen Dick Smith, Dave Oliveria, Angus McDonald; also present: Margo Hilfinger, John Greene (*Videography*); Tom Lindner (*Treasurer*); Art Thompson, Richard Nagot, Sally Carlson-Crowell (*DRTHARC*)

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Dick Smith.

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting – September 10, 2013

Oliveria moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2013.

APPROVED 3 – 0

### **Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee**

Chairman Art Thompson and committee members Nagot and Carlson-Crowell appeared before the Board to discuss an appropriate manner in which to acknowledge three individuals--Charlie Messerschmidt, Emy Marvin and Ted MacKenzie--whose donations, whether financial or in the form of time and effort, had been of extraordinary benefit to the restoration of the Auditorium, and thus to the Town of Deep River.

Smith stated his opinion that the issue of permanent public commendation should be subject to a written, town-wide policy, and that drafting that policy will require additional discussion. He noted that during his tenure as First Selectman there have been many requests to honor deceased family members, and that his policy has been to allow trees to be planted, and that he has consulted the Parks and Recreation Commission to determine the location. In some cases, however, unauthorized engraved stone tablets have been placed adjacent to the trees.

Following discussion, Board members agreed that a written policy addressing the issues is necessary. All agreed to work toward presenting a draft at the next selectmen's meeting.

No other action was taken on this matter.

### **Steap Grant – Plattwood Park**

After discussion, McDonald moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oliveria, to accept the Small Town Economic Assistance Grant in the amount of \$400,000 for improvements at Plattwood Park, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all documents pertaining to the grant. If required by OPM, the matter will be sent to a Town Meeting for residents' approval.

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### **Audience of Citizens – Any Other Matters to Come Before the Board:**

None.

### **Adjournment**

McDonald Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oliveria, to adjourn at 7:10.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Richard H. Smith,*

First Selectman